

by a final score of 42-34 at Chattanooga's Finley Stadium to win the Class 5A BlueCross Bowl championship. That is the equivalent to our State championship, if anybody is wondering.

This victory was significant for all the players and coaches, including the Panthers' head coach, Matt Lowe. Back in 2011, Coach Lowe was a freshman player on the Powell football team when the Panthers lost in a heartbreaker State championship game to Henry County High School.

A decade later, he led his alma mater to a championship that brought pride to every student at Powell High School and the community.

It was not an easy win for the Panthers. The Patriots were competitive throughout all four quarters, but the Panthers claimed the title when the final whistle sounded.

Winning this championship was the Panthers' goal all season long, and nothing was going to stand in their way. The team kept its eye on the prize and gave it their all to capture its first State championship in the end.

The Powell Panthers worked hard and supported each other the entire season, and it paid off with a State title.

Congratulations to all the players, Head Coach Matt Lowe, the team support staff, and the entire Powell High School community on this great victory.

#### CELEBRATING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF ALBERT HARB

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to sing the praises of a man who I feel is probably the greatest legal mind in America. It is my good friend Albert Harb. He has been an attorney in East Tennessee since the 1980s, and Albert will retire from practicing law this spring. I rise to celebrate his distinguished career.

Albert earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Tennessee. After working with fellow attorney Joe Yancey for several years, Albert went to work for the firm Hodges, Doughty & Carson in 1984. He has been employed by the firm ever since.

Throughout the years, East Tennessee has sought out Albert's legal expertise in commercial litigation, construction law, product liability, personal injury, domestic litigation, and occasional divorce cases. He also provides legal services for business transactions, corporate law, and wrongful death suits.

Organizations such as the Best Lawyers in America, Best Lawyers Consumer Guide, Who's Who American Law, and Mid-South Super Lawyers have all recognized Albert for his excellent representation in the fields of commercial litigation and personal injury.

In the Knoxville News Sentinel, a noted politician was quoted as saying that he was the best legal mind in America. Additionally, he is consistently recognized by Cityview Magazine

as one of Knoxville's top lawyers for personal injury and construction law.

Outside of practicing law, Albert is engaged with the Knoxville community. When West High School's mock trial team won the Tennessee State championship, Albert mentored the students by serving as their attorney coach.

He also held leadership positions with WDVX, the Peninsula Club, and the Ramallah Club of Knoxville.

Albert and his wonderful wife, Carmen, are parents to Ashley, Nicholas, and Noel, and they have several grandchildren.

Albert, thank you for your dedicated legal representation to East Tennesseans. I wish you the best in your retirement, and congratulations on achieving of counsel status.

#### RECOGNIZING LUCY AND RAY HAND AS KNOXVILLIANS OF THE YEAR

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Lucy and Ray Hand, two of my all-time favorite people and two incredibly amazing people who helped me through one of the toughest periods of my life.

They were recently recognized by the Junior Achievement of East Tennessee as Knoxville's of the Year.

When I was going through a particularly tough time in my life, I had a lot of bad press. On a Tuesday, I always recall, I received a call from Lucy Hand. She said: Kickoff for the UT game is this Saturday at noon. I expect to see you in the skybox with us.

I asked if she had seen what the paper was saying about me, and she said: TIMMY, kickoff is at noon. Don't make me send Raymond after you.

You know it is serious business, Madam Speaker, when Lucy brings up Ray.

So, I went to the game, and the Hands, of course, were gracious hosts to me as they always are. At halftime, I decided to go down to the lower section of Neyland Stadium and check out some renovations that were recently completed and to see General Neyland's statue.

When I got there, I heard the most beautiful noise in the world. It was the sweetest little 4-year-old girl I think I had ever seen. She was wearing some unbelievably cool little red shoes. They were sparkling, and she was spinning around. I can see it in my mind's eye right now.

After I saw her, I looked to my left, and it was the most beautiful woman that I had ever seen. Her name was Kelly, and she would later become my wife, and Isabel would soon become my daughter.

That day changed my life. Lucy and Ray Hand were there for that moment, just like they were there when my parents died, when I married Kelly, and when I adopted my Isabel. They were also here in Washington in 2019 when I was sworn into Congress.

I remember when they were standing in line, and the Capitol policeman asked me if they were my family be-

cause they were escorting family through. I looked at him and said, yes, they are my family. Madam Speaker, they are my family.

I thank them for being my friends, and I thank them for bringing Kelly and Isabel and me together and creating a wonderful family for me.

I congratulate them on winning Knoxville's of the Year.

#### RECOGNIZING SEAN HANNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, we appreciate your million-dollar smile.

Living legend Sean Hannity of FOX News is now officially the longest running prime-time cable news host in television history, passing the former record of Larry King.

I especially appreciate his professionalism, having myself minored in journalism and being editor of my high school, college, and law school newspapers, and also being an intern reporter for The Post and Courier, the daily paper of Charleston, South Carolina.

He is a champion for freedom, and he cites each day that has passed in honor of the 13 dead Americans in Kabul. He also points out, sadly, the Americans left behind in Afghanistan.

He stands with the heroes of Ukraine fighting war criminal Putin as President Volodymyr Zelenskyy inspires: Live free or die.

As aptly written in an April 21 FOX News story by Brian Flood: "Hannity, who has been with the network since it was launched in 1996, has hosted a prime-time program on FOX News for 25 consecutive years, 6 months, and 15 days.

"Sean's authenticity and insightful commentary have created one of the most enduring connections with our audience, and it has been an honor to watch him over the years. A FOX News original, he has helped innovate the industry, and we are incredibly proud of his extraordinary success," FOX News Media CEO Suzanne Scott said in a statement.

"Hannity's eponymous program has been one of the most-watched cable news programs on a regular basis. 'Hannity' has finished number one in its time slot for 13 consecutive years among both total viewers and the advertiser-coveted demographic of adults age 25 to 54 since launching as a solo hour in January 2009, according to Nielsen Media Research.

"I am extremely grateful to FOX News Media and to our loyal, dedicated viewers, whom I am proud to serve every night," Hannity said.

"Before landing a solo program, Hannity was one half of the popular 'Hannity & Colmes' with the late Alan Colmes.

"Last year, Hannity joined 'FOX & Friends' to discuss the network's 25th

anniversary. 'It was a bold innovation. Everybody laughed. Nobody thought it would be successful. Not only did we quickly become number one, but we have been able to maintain that number one position for a very long period of time,' Sean Hannity said.

'FOX News finished the first quarter of 2022 as basic cable's most-watched network, crushing CNN and MSNBC for the 81st straight quarter during a busy news cycle that included Russia's" hideous "invasion of Ukraine," sadly, "the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and round-the-clock political news."

"Over the last 25 years, Hannity has interviewed newsmakers, including former President Trump, former Vice President Mike Pence, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu . . . and most recently, award-winning actor and director Sean Penn. Hannity is also the author of four New York Times bestselling books."

Congratulations, Sean. Thank you for providing America with news we can trust by telling the truth.

I have another personal interest. Our family really appreciates newscasters. My oldest son, Alan, the attorney general of South Carolina, married the leading newscaster of South Carolina, Jennifer Miskewicz, of WIS-TV. Because he married over his head, he was elected the youngest attorney general of the United States.

As I conclude, as the co-chair of the French Caucus, I congratulate President Emmanuel Macron on his reelection. America appreciates our first ally with extraordinary representation by Ambassador Philippe Etienne.

We stand together for the people of Ukraine and with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

#### SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, this week, I hosted a seniors' townhall in my district in which many had concerns about their access to long-term care, the price of prescription drugs, and their Social Security benefits.

Every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65 years old. That is 65 years of raising families, paying their taxes, protecting our country, and building our communities.

After six decades of working hard for this country, they have the right to the benefits and resources they have earned for retirement. We do not need to cut benefits but, instead, expand access to the full range of long-term care services that help seniors within their communities.

Unfortunately, it has become far too expensive for middle-class friends and families to care for our seniors. Prescription drug prices are a major component of the overall cost of caring for the elderly.

While Medicare part D pays for some medications for those enrolled in the plan, it is reported that over 65 percent of our seniors' prescription drug costs are out of pocket. No American should ever have to break the bank to pay for lifesaving care.

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But today, too many Americans are forced to make the decision between paying their bills or buying their pills.

Democrats have been fighting to bring down healthcare costs and lower prescription drug prices by holding insurance companies and drug companies accountable while strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

In his State of the Union Address, President Biden announced an initiative to improve quality long-term care for our Nation's beloved seniors and people with disabilities.

The announcement uplifts what I have long championed: every person in the United States deserves to age with dignity, respect, and access to quality healthcare.

These actions will be part of a long-overdue comprehensive reform to protect the welfare, safety, and rights of seniors and people with disabilities living in nursing homes.

Our country and our economy are stronger and healthier when every American has access to quality, affordable healthcare, and long-term care.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure these issues are addressed and that we support and look out for our Nation's seniors.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 46 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TONKO) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, again we lift up our prayers to You on behalf of the people of Ukraine. After one of the holiest weeks in the Orthodox Church, though they were once companions in belief, with whom sweet fellowship was possible in the House of God, the wicked have sown confusion. The evil continue to spread threats and lies.

We appeal to You to speak into both sides of the conflict. Judge the betrayal of brothers in faith and enlighten them to Your truth. Allow

those who have remained faithful to Your will, who live according to the loving example You have shown us, who adhere to Your word, to have their voices heard above the fray of falsehood and propaganda.

In Your infinite mercy, answer the voices who cry out to You in distress. Bring redemption to the innocent from the horror besieging them. Give refuge to those who ardently defend their cities from the unthinkable violence and strife.

Holy God, comfort those whose hearts are anguished. Calm those who are beset with fear and trembling. For in You, our Lord, is our only hope. We pray to You for Ukraine's deliverance.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALBERG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### MILITARY HISTORY IS IN JEOPARDY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm on an urgent situation that requires the Federal Government to deploy an emergency response.

A retired U.S. Navy vessel at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park is sinking. Without help, the USS *The Sullivans*, which was part of an elite class of World War II destroyers and is a national historic landmark, will be lost forever.

The visual of a partially submerged ship in Buffalo's harbor provides a vivid warning that irreplaceable military history is in jeopardy if we don't act.

This isn't the only vessel in need of support. Maritime heritage grants, national preservation programs, and the Department of Defense are potential